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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2003, Applicants respectfully
request entry of the present Amendment.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are in the present application.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 - 8, 13 and 14 under 35 USC §103(a) as allegedly rendered unpatentable by Weigl et al. The Examiner has stated that "Clearly, Weigl teaches channels which inherently contain walls to direct the flow therein. This is certainly equivalent to the separation channels Applicant discusses on